maintenance of roads during the last three years keeping in view the miserable condition of roads in urban and semi-urban areas;

(b) if so, the details of the same; and

(c) if not, whether Government will consider it and help the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Ministry of Surface Transport is, *inter-alia,* responsible for development and maintenance & repairs of National Highways (NH) only, all other roads being the responsibility of the respective State Governments. The following funds were allocated for the maintenance & repairs of NH during the last three years:-

Year	Maintenance & Repairs (Rs. in lakhs)
1995-96	28443.96
1996-97	37200.00
1997-98	49750.00

Coastal Highway Between Kanyakumari and Palasa

3820. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a coastal Highway in being planned from Kanyakumari to Palasa in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of this plan;

(c) what will be the the cost of this proposal; and

(d) the time schedule of this highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Private sector investment in development of Highways

3821. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to seek investment by private sector in development and improvement of National Highways; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A staement giving details of the projects to be taken up under private investment is annexed. *(See below)*

Statement

B.O.T. Projects in Pipeline

S. No.	State	Name of the Project	Approx. Cost (Rs. Crore)
1.	Delhi	Delhi-Gurgaon (6-lane)	315.40
2.	Gujarat	Construction of addl. 2-lane bridge across river Mahi with its approaches in km. 91/5 to 93/0 of NH-8	50.00
3.	Gujarat	Construction of additional bridge across Watrak river near Kheda on downstream of existing NH bridge	42.00